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EVENT: Guilty Verdict

Defendant: George Scantland,

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP RESIDENT CONVICTED ON FEDERAL AND NARCOTICS
CHARGES**

A 44 year old resident of Clinton Township, Michigan was found guilty today by a federal jury in Detroit on charges of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and marijuana, running a drug house, possessing a firearm in connection with drug trafficking offenses and being a felon in possession of firearms, announced United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy. Mr. Murphy was joined in the announcement by Valerie J. Goddard, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Found guilty was George Scantland, age 44, of Clinton Township.

The verdict was delivered after the jury had deliberated for approximately one and half hours, concluding a two week trial held before United States District Judge Paul D. Borman.

The evidence presented at the trial showed that Scantland was running a marijuana growing operation out of his home, and sold marijuana and methamphetamine. A search warrant executed at Scantland's home on July 15, 2004 by the Clinton Township police

department yielded 89 marijuana plants and 25.7 grams of methamphetamine, as well as three firearms. Because of a prior felony conviction, Scantland was prohibited from possessing any firearms. Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Schneider prosecuted this case.

“This case clearly demonstrates my office’s commitment to aggressively prosecute any individuals engaged in drug trafficking in the Eastern District of Michigan, particularly armed felons,” stated United States Attorney Murphy.

U.S. Attorney Murphy commended the work of the agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Clinton Township Police in the investigation of this case.

A sentencing date has not yet been set. Scantland faces a mandatory minimum of 15 years incarceration.